

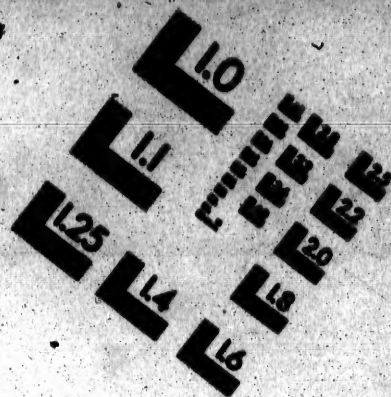
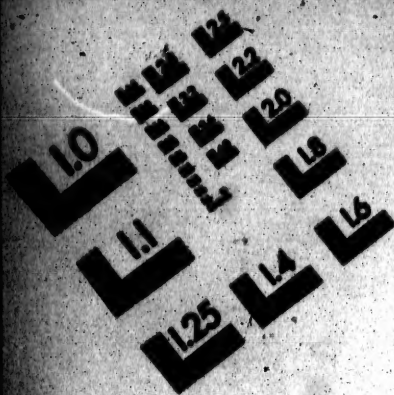


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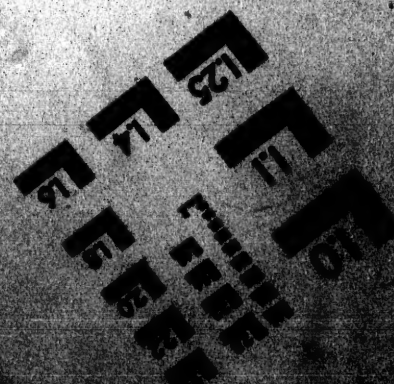
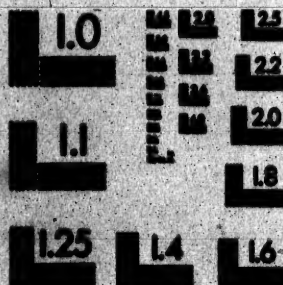
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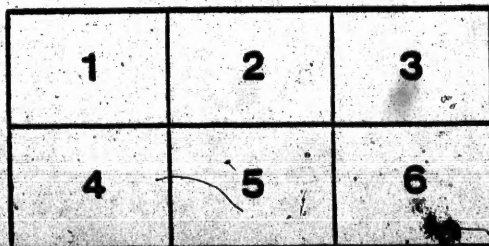
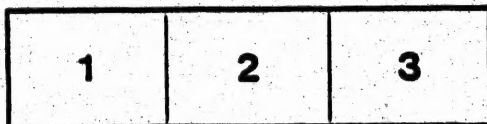
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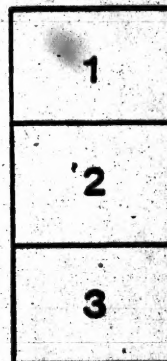
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INSTRUCTIONS

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THE ACT OF ASSEMBLY

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An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of the

PARISH SCHOOLS,

ADDRESSED TO

PARISH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CANDIDATES

FOR THE

TEACHER'S OFFICE,

BY

THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF PARISH SCHOOLS.

FREDERICTON:

J. BROWN, PRINTER TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

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INSTRUCTIONS, &c.

UNDER authority of a recent Act of Assembly, intituled "An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of the Parish Schools," the following Instructions are addressed to all persons already Teachers in the Provincial Parish School service, or Candidates for the important and honorable position of a Parish School Teacher.

As early as practicable, every Parish School Teacher will receive a copy of the School Act; and, in the mean time, Teachers and Candidates are referred, for an opportunity of seeing the Act, to Trustees of Parish Schools, all of whom are in possession of a copy, or may early be so on application, personally or by letter, at this office.

To the following provisions of the Act I proceed to call your attention:—

1. Sec. 9 provides that after the passing of the Act no Teacher, not already licenced, shall be entitled to receive a first or second class licence, without having first attended the Training School for a period of not less than three months, and passed his examination before the Board of Education, or before such person or persons as they may for that purpose appoint, and obtained a certificate of qualification according to the requirements specified in the Act.

The Training School established by the Honorable the Board of Education, under authority of the Act, is situated in Saint John, and is under the charge of Mr. E. H. Duval. The Examiners appointed by the Board are, W. P. Dole,

Esquire, (Inspector of Parish Schools for the County of Saint John,) James Paterson, Esquire, L.L.D., and Robert Jardine, Esquire.

The regular Terms at the Training School begin 1st August, 18th October, 10th January, and 4th April.

And it is provided in Sec. 31, that "it shall and may be lawful for the Board of Education, in their discretion, in all cases where it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the said Board that any pupil or pupils so hereafter attending such Normal School, has or have attended for the *bona fide* purpose of becoming instructed therein as Teachers of Schools in this Province, after they shall have respectively passed their examination, and received a licence to teach, and shall have commenced teaching as a Teacher or Teachers under the provisions of this Act, to allow the said pupils respectively, towards the payment of their expenses, a sum not exceeding ten shillings per week each during the time they may have attended such Normal School, not exceeding in any case twelve weeks."

2. Sec. 10, with a view to the granting of third class licences to Teachers who shall not attend the Training School, authorizes the Board of Education to grant licences to such person or persons as the local Inspector shall certify to the Superintendent as possessed of the necessary knowledge and other qualifications, and to be of good moral character.

It will prevent inconvenience to the Board of Education, as well as to persons desirous of entering into the Parish School service, that it be distinctly understood, that subsequent to the appointment of local Inspectors under the Act, no individual not already licenced, whatever his or her attainments, can or will receive any except a third class licence, unless such individual shall have passed

through the Training School, and undergone the subsequent prescribed examination.

3. Sec. 11 requires that all Teachers not already licenced to be employed under the Act, shall apply for and obtain licence to teach from the Board of Education, previously to their being recognised or engaged in any School district, and such licences shall be given by direction of the Board, and shall be signed by the Superintendent.

In order to prevent misapprehension on the part of persons who may be teaching without licence, it is hereby distinctly stated that no application for Provincial aid can be entertained by the Board, unless the provisions of this section be literally complied with.

4. To Sec. 16 the attention of Teachers and Candidates is particularly directed. A Form for School Registers therein referred to will, as early as practicable, be issued from this office: in the mean time, each Teacher will provide the best in his power. The visitor's book will be, of course, scrupulously attended to. But the latter part of this section is of primary importance. It requires each Teacher "to exert his best endeavours, both by example and precept, to impress upon the minds of his scholars the principles of Christian religion, morality, and loyalty; provided that no child shall be required to read or study in or from any religious book, or to join in any exercise of devotion or religion which shall be objected to by his or her parents or guardians."

5. Sec. 18, which relates to Teachers' allowances from the Provincial Treasury, provides that no Teacher shall be entitled to be paid for teaching for a less period than six months, without the special sanction of the Board of Education, nor unless the inhabitants of the School district shall in each and every case have subscribed and paid

towards the support of the Teacher, at the same rate and in the same proportion as the Provincial allowance to the Teacher granted in this section is to be paid; or shall have furnished such Teacher with board, washing and lodging, and such accommodations as may be necessary for the reasonable comfort of the Teacher during the period for which the School shall have been taught, being not less than six months, &c.

6. The duty enjoined in Sec. 19, viz. that of exhibiting to the Inspector of the County the original School Register, and any other documents or returns prescribed by the Superintendent, and duplicates thereof, &c., will have to be attended to on or before the 30th day of September 1852, the 31st day of March 1853, and so on every six months.

7. Sec. 23 provides an additional allowance of twenty five per cent. to Teachers in Parishes or Districts in which the assessment principle is adopted and carried out; but also provides that, in such cases, the tuition money of the pupils attending such Schools shall thereafter not exceed the sum of two shillings and six pence per quarter.

8. I must not omit to notice, that Sec. 26 provides that every Teacher of a Parish School who shall keep a false School Register, or make a false return, shall for each offence forfeit the sum of ten pounds; and that Sec. 33 provides that, after the passing of this Act, it shall not be lawful for any Teacher of a Parish School in this Province to make application to the Legislature by petition or otherwise for any appropriation or sum whatever, for teaching, unless recommended by the Superintendent, and sanctioned by the Board of Education.

JAMES PORTER,
Chief Superintendent.

Fredericton, June 3, 1852.

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